

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS AND LISTING OF CLAIMS

16. (currently amended) A bouquet of flowers including a bundle of floral stems and a support for non-floral items comprising [a plurality of] at least three bendable supporting rods secured at one end circularly bundled by a common supporting base and including at least one non-floral item secured to one of said supporting rods and supported by said support in said bouquet, wherein said support is integrated within said bouquet and clasped in said bundle of floral stems.

17. (previously added) The bouquet as set forth in claim 16 wherein said item is a gift item.

18. (previously added) The bouquet as set forth in claim 16 wherein said supporting rods are made substantially of bright or refined steel wire.

19. (previously added) The bouquet as set forth in claim 16 wherein said item is secured to said supporting rod via a fastener in which said supporting rod is inserted.

20. (currently amended) [The bouquet as set forth in claim 19] A bouquet of flowers including a bundle of floral stems and a support for non-floral items comprising a plurality of bendable supporting rods secured at one end circularly bundled by a common supporting base and including at least one non-floral item secured to one of said supporting rods and supported by said support in said bouquet, wherein said support is integrated within said bouquet and clasped in said bundle of floral stems, and wherein said item is secured to said supporting rod via a fastener in which said supporting rod is inserted, and

wherein said supporting rod is insertable in two different directions into said fastener.

21. (previously added) The bouquet as set forth in claim 19 wherein said item is adhered to an adhesive surface area of said fastener.

22. (previously added) The bouquet as set forth in claim 19 wherein said fastener is made substantially of polyethylene.

23. (previously added) A method of configuring a bouquet of flowers including a bundle of floral stems as set forth in claim 16 including a non-floral item integrated therein, comprising the following steps:

a) securing said non-floral item to a support comprising a plurality of bendable supporting rods held at one end circularly bundled by a common supporting base and

b) arranging said bouquet of flowers about said support, therein integrating said support within said bouquet and clasping it in said bundle of floral stems.

24. (currently amended) [The method as set forth in claim 23] A method of configuring a bouquet of flowers including a bundle of floral stems including a non-floral item integrated therein, comprising the following steps:

a) securing said non-floral item to a support comprising at least three supporting rods held at one end circularly bundled by a common supporting base and

b) arranging said bouquet of flowers about said support, therein integrating said support within said bouquet and clasping it in said bundle of floral stems, wherein prior to individually bending said support as desired a shiftable ring is shifted to a desired level, resulting in said supporting rods being splayed and subsequently bent to shape from said bundle at the location of said ring.

25. (previously amended) The method as set forth in claim 23 wherein said support is held in a stand in configuring said floral arrangement

26. (cancelled)

27. (currently amended) The support as set forth in claim [26] 28 wherein said supporting rods form a bundle of supporting rods in round or hexagonal cross-section in a hexagonal symmetrical arrangement in cross-section.

28. (new) A support for non-floral items in a bouquet of flowers including at least three bendable rods firmly bundled together circularly at one end at a common supporting base for securing said non-floral items in said bouquet of flowers and including at least one fastener for inserting one of said supporting rods therein and having an adhesive surface area for fastening one of said non-floral items to said supporting rod, wherein said support is adapted to be integrated within said bouquet and clasped in said bundle of floral stems.